



Sunday 9th March 2025
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Tony Higgins

A very warm welcome to our service this morning in St Nicholas Church, Studland

And a special welcome if you are new to our church or are visiting the area! This is a Holy Communion service, and you are very welcome to take Communion with us. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please just ask. Or if you would prefer to have a blessing, it would be helpful if you could bring this Notice Sheet with you to the communion rail, to give an indication to the priest.

Children are most welcome in our church. Do not worry if they are noisy or make a break for freedom: we are just delighted to have the children in Church with us. There are toys in the two green boxes at the back of the Church - and everyone is welcome to use them.

After the service, we serve coffee, tea and other refreshments in the Church Hall. Please do join us - and get to know us all a little better.

We do not pass around a collection plate at St Nicholas, but, if you would like to contribute to the upkeep of the Church, your donation would be gratefully received. We have a traditional plate for cash donations (and there are gift aid envelopes too) and we also have a payment station to take card payments: again, there is a facility for adding gift aid to your payment. If you would like to give regularly to support the Church, please contact St Nicholas' Hon. Treasurer, Andrew Goodwin, on email bayviewgardens@btinternet.com

For regular updates on Church activities throughout the week, please check our website www.studlandchurch.com or find us on www.achurchnearyou.com You can also follow us on Facebook. (St Nicholas Church Studland) – do give us a like or two!

St Nicholas Church in Studland is part of the **Swanage and Studland Team Ministry**.
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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
9th March 2025 1st Sunday in Lent

Reading for this Sunday is: Romans 10.8-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in
the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in
obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread
from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is
the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TEAM NOTES

Register now! If you have not already completed your Electoral Roll form please do so now or we may not be able to include you in the new roll which will run until 2031.

The Valuation Fundraiser was held on Saturday 1 March in Studland Village Hall – and was a great success. It was a really positive event: everyone who came seemed to enjoy themselves (and the lovely cakes!) - and hopefully went away with some good news about the item which was valued. The event was financially successful, too, as £500.00 was raised for St Nicholas Church. Our thanks go to all who organised or helped on the day – particularly to Barbara, Carol, Annie and Sally.

Studland Community Coffee Morning – Every Thursday in St Nicholas Church Hall from 10am to 11.30am. Lovely coffee – and lovely conversation. Everyone is welcome – do join us...

Could you help? A member of our congregation lives in the Clifftop Care Home on Burlington Road in Swanage – and needs a lift from the Care Home in order to get to St Nicholas on Sunday mornings – and to get back afterwards. We have a rota of people who are able to provide lifts – but would love to have extra people on the rota. Contact Jane Hawksworth if you think you could help.

‘Come & Sing’ Choral Evensong This Sunday, 9th March at 6.30pm in St Mary’s Church. Our guest this month is Timothy Brown, formerly of Clare College, Cambridge. The *Come and Sing* event is open to all singers, with arrival at St Mary’s for a 4.00pm rehearsal start. Cups of tea are provided between the rehearsal end and the service start at 6.30pm. All are welcome. Music is provided - just come and sing!

“What on Earth is Heaven” is the title of the presentation by Dr James Paul at Any Questions this Tuesday, 11th March at the United Reformed Church, 112 High Street, Swanage, BH19 2NY. Dr Paul is an author and Director of the L’Abri Fellowship. L’Abri study centres give individuals the opportunity to seek answers to questions about God and the significance of human life. L’Abri believes that Christianity speaks to all aspects of life. Dr Paul challenges misconceptions about Heaven and offers an alternative vision of what Heaven is about. Refreshments from 7pm, presentation starts at 7.30pm.

Lent lunch will be held at St. Mark’s Church on Friday 14th March. All are welcome to join us for home-made soup, bread and cheese between 12 noon and 1:30 in support of the work worldwide of Christian Aid.

St Mark’s Goes Global: Saturday 22nd March at 7pm. Our holiday photos from around the world, a fun quiz with cheese & wine to raise money for Christian Aid. Please invite your friends.

Purbeck Deanery Synod Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th March, 7.30pm at All Saints Church. *‘Scroll all about it – communicating in a digital world’*. A presentation by Rebecca Pavey, Diocesan Director of Communications and Engagement. Everyone welcome.

The funeral of Mrs Sheila Hiatt will be held at St Mary’s on Monday 17th March at 11.30am.